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This Valentine's Day, Berrien County Health Department is reminding community members of sexual health services

This Valentine's Day, the Berrien County Health Department is encouraging community members to safely spread love – not sexually transmitted infections – by getting tested at its Sexual Health Clinic.

BCHD's Sexual Health Clinic provides accessible and nonjudgmental STI testing services to community members through in-person and telehealth appointments. Fast-track testing and walk-in services are also available to offer peace of mind. These services help prevent and treat STIs through testing, treatment and educational support. Services are offered at lower rates than other local health care organizations, and most types of insurance are accepted.

"If you're sexually active, getting regular STI testing is an important way to protect your health and the health of your partner," said Dionne Rigozzi, BCHD's clinical and community health services supervisor. "Our friendly and welcoming staff are here to help assess your needs and provide testing, educational support and treatment, if needed."

According to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, about 52,000 people in Michigan were diagnosed with one or more reportable STI in 2023, including syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia. In many cases, these STIs can be asymptomatic but still transmissible to partners, underscoring the importance of regular testing.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services offers comprehensive STI testing guidance for sexually active women, men, pregnant individuals, men who have sex with men, gender diverse persons and individuals with HIV.

BCHD's Sexual Health Clinic offers appointments 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at its Benton Harbor office, 2149 E. Napier Ave., and Wednesday and Thursday at its Niles office, 1205 N. Front St.

Walk-in services are available at both locations 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, and telehealth appointments are available 1-3 p.m. Monday, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday and 10 a.m.-noon Thursday.

Fast-track testing offers quick testing for chlamydia and gonorrhea with a urine sample.

The service is available 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday at BCHD's Benton Harbor and Niles offices for $10.

To learn more about BCHD's Sexual Health Clinic services, visit www.bchdsexualhealthclinic.com. — STAFF REPORTS

I feel better when I'm not on my phone constantly "Downloading" new information.
— Dino N. Fatouros

PURE MICHIGAN WINTER WONDERLAND: EMBRACING THE MAGIC OF SNOW

As the snowflakes continue to fall across the Great Lakes State, Michiganders are encouraged to bundle up and appreciate the beauty of winter. From snow-covered forests to frozen lakes, Michigan's winter landscapes offer endless opportunities for outdoor adventure and scenic exploration.

"Winter is a special time in Michigan, and we invite residents and visitors alike to get out and enjoy the snow," said Dave Lorenz, Vice President of Travel Michigan. "Whether you're a skier, snowshoer, or just someone who loves the peacefulness of a winter wonderland, Michigan has something for everyone."

With its abundant snowfall and picturesque landscapes, Michigan is the perfect destination for winter enthusiasts. So why not grab your scarf, hat, and mittens, and experience the magic of a Michigan winter? — STAFF REPORTS

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VILLAGE OF MICHIANA COUNCIL
Meets on the 2nd Friday of each month at 1PM

Grand Beach Planning Commission adopts final site plan for The Haven

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Members of the Grand Beach Planning Commission adopted the final site plan for The Haven and recommended approval of it to the Grand Beach Village Council at a special meeting Thursday, Feb. 6.

The piece of property formerly known as "10 Acres" that's located along the 4th hole of the golf course is being developed by the Kelly family into The Haven, a planned residential condominium project within the village.

Andrew Kelly, who said the project has been in development since January 2023, said the plan is to divide it into eight single family parcels, three of which his family will be building for their own use and five of which will be brought to market.

Kelly said that the development is part of the medium density zone in Grand Beach and, since it's a site condominium, it will "follow all the ordinances that go with medium density zoning."

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After soliciting feedback from the community as well as building inspector Chad Butler, fire and police and other utilities and services, the plan was taken to the final stage.

"I think we had a lot of feedback both from the community, both from the Planning Commission and the council and tried to include that as best we can throughout this process," Kelly said.

Two changes to the plan include moving the entry of the road a little bit further from the access road to Highway 12 "to try to divert any traffic and try to ease congestion" and to make the proposed detention pond slightly elongated, which will make it slightly narrower.

The question of if one can drive over the septic tanks was confirmed by an engineering representative for the project for planner Diane Cody, who said that Butler had said that some of the tanks are drivable. Representatives said that a dry well ring lid that's in a driveway will have an MDOT certified lid, which is thicker, and that the same is for tanks.

Other issues that were addressed included that trees will be taken down just in the "disturbed areas," such as the actual footprint of the homes and for any septic fields that must be constructed and that, while there will be no sign at the entryway or at the street on Grand Beach Road.

Planner Paul Leonard, who wasn't present at the meeting, said in an email correspondence that he was concerned about the "one way in one way out" of the development but that 15 Acres and Fox Trail also had this setup.

An engineering representative also said that storm water runoff will be generally directed to swales along the road and then directed to two detention basins located on the property. The village council had approved hiring Merritt Engineering to review and advise on the storm water drainage, which has also been reviewed by the Berrien County Drain Commission.

"I think you guys have done a really good job and you've listened to what we've said," Harry Walder, ex-officio member of the Planning Commission and president of the village council, said.

He added that, while he and village attorney Sara Senaca has some "issues" with some of the documents, they that will be addressed with the Kelly's attorney and are "nothing that won't get resolved."

Good government is good politics.
— Richard J. Daley

To Your Health

COLUMN BY KAREN EDWARDS ND

TIGHTEN LOOSENED SKIN NATURALLY

There is no argument that beauty starts from the insidewith our diet and lifestyle, but we should also feed and nourish our skin topically.

We all have our favorite beauty secret Lotions and potions. Fine lines and wrinkles are one thing, but what about that loosening skin. Believe it or not, the recipe for tighter, brighter skin might be hiding right in your kitchen. Here are four natural ways to tighten loose skin.

HONEY: The buzz about honey is that it is not only a natural sweetener, it is a treatment for sagging skin. Honey's natural hydrating, antioxidant properties firm skin. Create a facial by combining three teaspoons honey, three tablespoons olive oil and a squeeze of lemon juice. Apply to your face and neck and let dry. Rinse with warm water. Repeat three times each week and the results will amaze you. Make sure that the honey is raw local honey. Not the sugar bear honey.

EGG WHITES: Egg whites are a secret weapon for fighting loosening skin. Thanks to an egg's natural astringent components, they not only nourish the skin with vitamins, they uplift sagging skin with hydro lipids. Whisk two egg whites until they are foamy and apply to your face and neck. Rinse with cool water after about 20 minutes. Repeat as needed for tighter, more radiant skin. If you have a special event, this is a quick mini facelift for the evening.

LEMON: This is a twist you may not have known. Lemon's vitamin C content helps boost collagen, a building block for younger looking, glowing skin. Lemons also include astringents that help reduce fine lines and wrinkles, fade dark spots and tighten the skin. Simply apply freshly squeezed lemon juice gently to your face and neck and rinse with warm water after 10 minutes. Apply your favorite moisturizer. Do not get in or around your eye area.

MOISTURIZE: Keeping skin moist. Coconut oil, olive oil or any natural oil.

EXERCISE: is very important to keep your skin taught and youthful. Bringing blood flow to the skin surface will help firm the tissue. Even if you are not able to do full body exercise, sit in a chair and do neck rolls, arm windmills and keep things moving.

WATER: Water is good for your body inside and out, especially for your skin. Staying hydrated with water is the best natural weapon to firming loosening skin. (Soft drinks, coffee and power drinks don't count! In fact they dehydrate and age you.) Drink 6 to 8 glasses of water each and every day to keep you skin moisturized, youthful and glowing. Plus water helps flush toxins from the inside of your body, too, which is imperative for healthy skin. Using water topically will also hydrate your skin. After cleansing and moisturizing, spritz cool water onto your face to lock in moisture.

Disclaimer: Nothing in these articles is meant to replace medical advice. If you are on medications, do not stop taking them. This is for educational purposes.

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Councilman facing OWI charge

BY STAN MADDUX

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Indiana farm beats odds with sudden spike in newborn calves

BY STAN MADDUX

It was like winning the lottery, of sorts, for a northwest Indiana family with two cows that gave birth to five calves in just one week.

Luke Goetz said he's had previous cows deliver twins but he's never heard of anyone with a herd bearing triplets.

Goetz said not even a veterinarian during his most recent checkup of the triplet carrying, large structured cow sensed there was more than just one in her uterus.

"It was a complete surprise," he said.

One out of every 105,000 beef cows gives birth to triplets and, in many cases, not all three of the calves survive.

All of the triplets at the Goetz farm near Valparaiso, though, along with the twins seem as healthy as a horse.

"They got boundless energy," said his 20 year old daughter, Amaleah, who seemed obviously thrilled.

"I'm pretty happy that God had this planned," she said.

Mr. Goetz and his wife, Michelle, who have eight children, raise more than 30 beef cows on their farm to keep their freezers and the ones of extended family members and friends well stocked.

Mr. Goetz said he also uses the cows for breeding to provide feeder calves and showing in the Porter County Fair by his children in 4H.

On Jan. 9, the triple carrying full blooded Simmental had just delivered a calf when Goetz, after being informed by his wife about the birth, showed up to check on the mother and her newborn.

He then left but returned about four hours later, when he was shocked to see "two other ones sitting in there."

Mr. Goetz texted his daughter and notified her about his discovery.

"We were just so excited. I haven't been that excited in a long time. It was crazy," she said.

She said the mother has accepted each of the calves and has plenty of milk, but not quite enough to keep all three of them in good supply. So, she began feeding them one-gallon bottles of formula to make up the difference.

"I'm still bottle feeding them. They'll take a bottle morning and night. They're doing great," she said.

Goetz said she's not having to supplement the needs of the twins, whose mother allowing both of them to latch on to her teats has been able to keep up with twice the average newborn demand for nutrition.

"They're in good health, too. I'm watching them right now. They're just running across the pen," she said.

All five of the newborns have one father, "Harvey," who was born on the farm.

The bull was also used by Goetz in breeding that produced calves much larger for their ages in previously single births.

"It's pretty cool that it wasn't a bull that we bought. It was a bull that we had that's giving us so many awesome babies," she said.

Mr. Goetz, who grew up helping tend to his father's slightly smaller cattle herd, said he started his own in 2017 to give his children the same opportunity he had to take part in 4H.

In addition, Goetz said he couldn't ignore the cattleman that was still in his blood and wanted to help feed his family.

He also owns Goetz Irrigation, which builds and services large irrigators and supplies farmers with related parts.

Amaleah, who helps raise the cattle, is manager of the parts warehouse.

Even though her life was already busy prior to the sudden addition of the five calves. Amaleah said she doesn't mind whatsoever.

"It's a lot, but I love it," she said.

SPORTS

From the Bleachers

COLUMN BY KURT MARGGRAF IN CHICAGO

The end of the day is almost upon us, and all in all it's been a very good day.

Super Bowl Sunday has been a big thing for quite some time, and today I decided to pay attention to the reasons why. In no particular order, here they are.

For many, the day begins with making sure your bets are placed. Most of the people I know who work in offices play squares or strip cards and many more bet through one of the many legal betting services. Many more do it the old fashioned way, through their bookies.

If your family is hosting one of the many Parties, the next few hours are filled with running around getting supplies and making sure that all the decorations are set up and the food is ready to cook. Even if you're going to a party instead of hosting it, someone in the house is probably putting something together to eat for the party you're going to.

After arriving at the party, more bets are placed with fellow partygoers. Bets like who will win the coin toss or how long it will take to sing the National Anthem. Food is consumed. Games are played. Finally, it's time for the game to begin.

The Chiefs are slight favorites heading into the game but the Eagles quickly take command. By halftime the Eagles have the game in hand and it's time for more food. The halftime show, featuring Kendrick Lamar, is good according to the young people and terrible according to the old folks.

The second half starts and it's more of the same so much of everyone's attention turns to the commercials, which are costing as much as eight million dollars for a thirty second spot.

The game ends with the Eagles winning 40-22 and the analysis begins. The Eagles were far and away the better team today. They were bigger, stronger, faster, and smarter than the Chiefs.

Patrick Mahomes and Travis Kelce didn't play as good as they usually do. It will be interesting to see how good each of these teams will be next year.

Another interesting team next year will be the Chicago Bears. The new coaching staff has gotten Bears fans in a tizzy. I'm not sure if they can turn it all the way around in one season, but they will be vastly improved. The last time the Bears were in the Super Bowl was 2007 and I think it's almost time to return.

In an unusual twist of fate, the opening of spring training for the Cubs coincided with the Super Bowl.

The Cubs opened training camp early because they are traveling to Japan to play a two game series against the World Series champion Dodgers to start the season. It was announced that Shota Imanaga would start one of the games on March 18 or 19. The coming year in sports is going to be fun.

The Dalai Lama said, "Remember that sometimes not getting what you want is a wonderful stroke of luck."

Be kind. Talk to you next week. Peace, love, and happiness.

DUNES SUMMER THEATRE HOLDING 2025 AUDITIONS

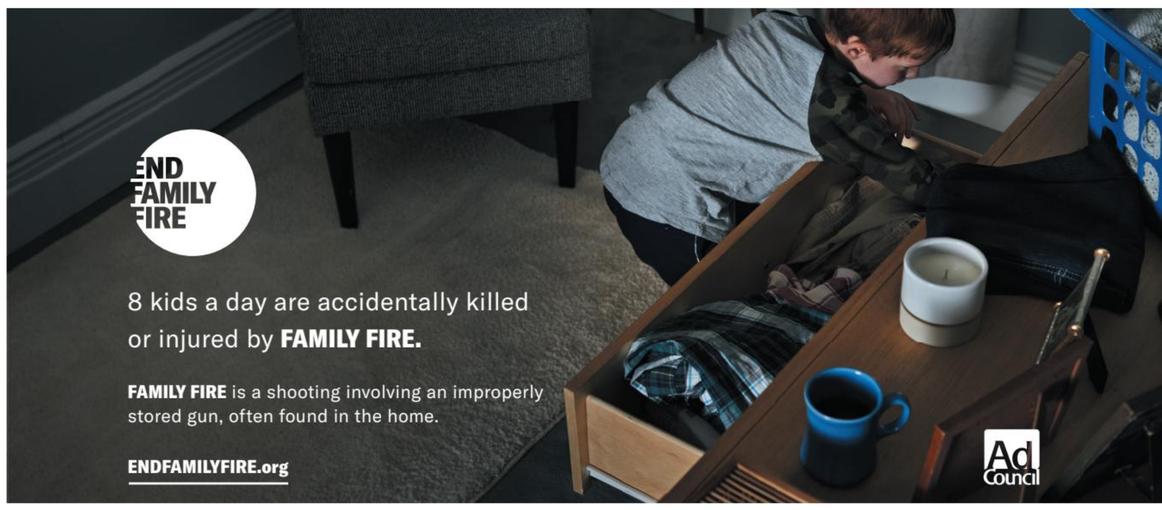
The Dunes Summer Theatre, northwest Indiana's oldest continually producing professional summer theater, has announced auditions for its 2025 season. This year's season includes the following productions: "Misery," by William Goldman, based on the novel by Stephen King (May 30-June 15); "Outside Mullingar," by John Patrick Shanley (June 27-July 13); "She Loves Me," book by Joe Maseroff, music by Jerry Bock, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick (July 25-August 10); the fifth annual Dunes Broadway Cabaret (Aug. 15-17) and "Voices from the Heartland: The 3rd Annual New Plays Festival (Sept. 17-20)

Preliminary in-person auditions will take place in the following locations: The Holdcraft Performing Arts Center at 1200 Spring Street in Michigan City from noon to 5 p.m. Central Time Saturday, Feb. 22; Vickers Theatre at 6 N. Elm Street in Three Oaks from 4-9 p.m. Central (5-10 p.m. Eastern) Monday, Feb. 24 and City Lit Theatre at 1020 West Bryn Mawr in Chicago from noon to 5 p.m. Central Saturday and Sunday, March 1 and 2.

Auditioners should prepare the following: Two contrasting monologues no longer than three minutes in total length and (for musical actors only) two contrasting musical selections no longer than 32 bars each (accompaniment to be determined).

To secure an audition time for any location, actors should submit a current headshot and resume to Steve Scott, artistic director, at artisticdirectorDAF@gmail.com. Virtual auditions for actors unable to attend in-person auditions will also be accepted through Feb. 25. Recordings should be prepared according to the guidelines listed above and should be sent with an accompanying headshot and resume to artisticdirectorDAF@gmail.com.

Non-Equity actors of all ethnic backgrounds, gender identifications and body types are strongly encouraged to audition. DST actors receive $100 per rehearsal week and $50 per performance. Living accommodations are also available. — Staff Reports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It's a challenge for all quarterbacks, though: You want to make the big play; you want to throw a touchdown every single play. But at the same time, you have to know that it's a process. — *Patrick Mahomes*

Raiders show more promise despite hard fought loss

BY STAN MADDUX

A young Red Arrow Raiders girls' basketball team showed further improvement in taking a quality Cassopolis squad almost to the wire in a loss at home Monday.

The Raiders (8-7) trailed by two points with three minutes left in the game when Emma Seifert off a pass from half court by Peyton Swaim laid the ball off the backboard and into the net.

Cassopolis, though, scored the next 12 points with many coming off turnovers to win 48-34.

From the beginning, the game was close until Raiders Head Coach Jason Alexander felt his players ran out of gas.

"We fought so hard to even be in that position. I think our girls just got a little worn down there at the end," he said.

Since the start of the season, the Raiders, consisting of mostly sophomores, have gone from relying on the outside shooting of Swaim and Laney Strother to a better executed and more balanced offensive attack.

Shyann Spaulding led the Raiders with eight points while Strother and Addyson Lynch had seven points apiece.

Seifert added six points.

There's also been noticeable improvement in other areas like ball handling and passing.

The difference maker for Cassopolis was Ryley Bowsher, who nailed several nothing but net shots from beyond the three point line to finish with 20 points.

The Raiders went into the second quarter with a three point lead then after falling behind evened the score on a short bank shot from the 5'10" Spaulding.

Cassopolis went back up by four points until Strother nailed a 10 foot driving to rim jump shot just before halftime.

The Raiders struck first to tie the game early in the third quarter on an 18 foot jump shot from Strother.

The Raiders regained their four point lead until the Raiders evened the score again when Lynch after stealing the ball at half court dribbled in for a short bucket and Spaulding following an offensive rebound put the ball into the rim.

Following several lead exchanges, Cassopolis quickly grabbed an eight lead early in the fourth quarter.

The Raiders began clawing their way back on two free throws apiece from Swaim and Seifert, who soon teamed up for the final points in the game for the team.

"I'm proud of our effort tonight for sure. No doubt about that," Alexander said.

The loss followed a 29-28 victory for the Raiders on February 7 at Lawrence.

Alexander said the loss against Cassopolis could help in the long run by giving his maturing players a confidence booster heading into the post season.

"It just shows the girls if they come to play every night, they can play with anybody," he said.

COUNCILMAN FACING OWI CHARGE

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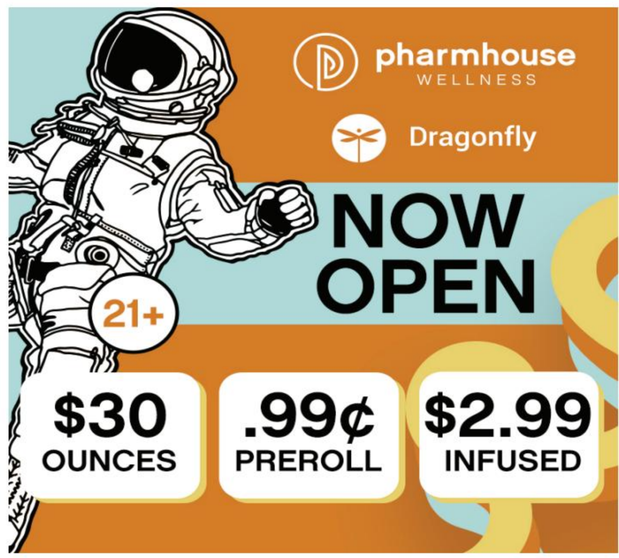

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Local bocce club attracts experienced, novice players

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Those who are looking for something new, fun or just different to do throughout this long winter should look no further than the downstairs of Sonny D's in New Buffalo on Wednesday and Thursday nights.

There, guests will find a group of people, all of whom are a variety of ages, standing around two courts and playing a sport that has its roots in ancient Egypt and then Italy: bocce.

Members of Harbor Country Bocce Club meet from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday and from 5-8 p.m. Thursday in Sonny D's Speakeasy, which is located on the lower level.

The group, which bills itself as "a community of bocce enthusiasts in Southwest Michigan and Northwest Indiana," is open to novice as well as experienced bocce players.

Currently, the club is planning to launch an indoor bocce league. Sign-ups are still open, and spots are limited. To reserve a spot, contact hcbocceclub@gmail.com and follow the group on Facebook and Instagram @ Harborcountrybocceclub.

The league will take place from Feb. 19 through March 26 in the Speakeasy and is open to beginners and seasoned players. Jeremy Winer, who founded the club with his partner, Nicollette, said the six-week season will consist of two-person teams, with up to four people on the roster. Teams will compete in two games per night that begin at 6 p.m. and have one week of playoffs.

Winer said he and Nicollette, who have had Harbor Country Cabins for seven years in Harbert, played with the American Bocce Company in Chicago.

"When we finally moved up here in November of 2023 full time, we knew we would miss bocce, so we started our own little bocce club," he said.

The club started playing last April at River St. Joe in Buchanan before moving to New Buffalo Township Park during Music in the Park.

When friends sold them the courts, the club moved indoors.

The week before Christmas, Winer said 40 people were playing bocce in the Speakeasy. Overall, he said they average about 20 or so people per week.

"We found living here now that there's not a lot for adults sports – coed and active sports – besides maybe some darts or bowling and the bowling leagues are a long commitment," he said.

Winer said bocce dates to ancient Egypt, where it was "basically throwing smaller rocks at bigger rocks."

"It was Italians who really drove the game and brought it to the states and it's fast growing here in the states," he said.

Winer said the American Bocce Company does bar leagues, is building a bocce club in the city and does tournaments.

"When we started with them, there was maybe three or four venues – they're at over 12 venues now in Chicago and I think 750 active people play in their leagues," he said.

Winer added that bocce is an ideal sport in that it can be played anywhere. It's also very accessible, as it's one of the most popular sports in the Special Olympics.

Winer said that, while bocce may be easy to learn and play, it's "hard to master."

"It's been an absolute joy for me to watch these people, who have never played, to start to figure it out and start to learn and start talking strategy – it's looking back in time when I started and didn't know what I was doing but just enjoyed it and something clicked," he said.

Rebecca Gardner-Reilly, who's been with the club since its humble beginnings, said that her 83-year-old mother was even able to take it up when she was visiting her in the summer.

"She was actually amazing at it, my mom was a superstar, and she came here in the fall a little bit so it's a nice thing that's accessible to everyone," she said.

Transitioning from outdoors to indoors has been interesting for Gardner-Reilly.

"There's always different strategy you can take so it's always figuring out how the ball's going to roll and where it's going to land - so there's a lot of strategy to it, which I think is really fun about bocce," she said.

Mark Scanlan, who played some bocce when he used to live in Oak Park before moving here, said that this was the first time he's played indoors.

"We started playing at River St. Joe and now the group's gotten larger and larger and competition's gotten better – we've all gotten better as players and we're just having a good time," he said.

Matt Thompson, who with his wife joined the club when they were playing at the township park, said he plans to be in the league.

"It's not too serious – it's easy to learn hard to master but as long as you're here to have fun and play and just meet new people, it's perfect," he said.

Gary Bruckert and Amy Waldon compete during a bocce game

Bocce players pose in the Speakeasy (picture provided by Facebook)

Bocce players hit the courts on a winter night

NIPSCO commits to possibly reverse course on generator

BY STAN MADDUX

NIPSCO has agreed to look at possibly keeping open its power generator in Michigan City as part of a settlement involving the utility's contested request for an electric rate increase.

The La Porte County Commissioners on Wednesday, Feb. 5, approved the deal previously ratified by the utility company.

La Porte County was the only government agency to join the rate hike challenge, which was also appealed by U.S. Steel and Walmart.

Under the agreement with La Porte County, NIPSCO has agreed to study over the next six months the potential of converting the coal fired generating station near the lakefront along U.S. 12 into one fueled by cleaner burning natural gas.

NIPSCO was planning to close the generation station as early as 2028 as part of its plan to rely more on supplying electricity produced by the wind and sun.

Under the agreement, the utility will also look at converting the generating station into a facility that stores electricity in batteries for release to power customers as needed.

NIPSCO is also committed under the agreement to study the possibility of building a generating station fueled by natural gas at another location in La Porte County if the utility closes its Michigan City power plant.

Attorney Shaw Friedman, who represented the La Porte County Commissioners in the case, said keeping NIPSCO active in generating power here would help retain jobs and the $5 million in local property taxes currently paid by the utility.

"Those who pay NIPSCO rates should receive the benefit of the jobs and tax revenues from any new generating facility," he said.

NIPSCO also agreed to spend up to $5 million on additional electric infrastructure for any site in La Porte County to assist with economic development.

In addition, the utility will extend until 2030 a commitment to spend $3.5 million on more electric infrastructure to help with any new manufacturing or solar farm developments at Kingsbury Industrial Park, according to the agreement.

Friedman said that pledge secured in 2019 was scheduled to expire next year.

In exchange, La Porte County will no longer be one of the parties appealing the rate hike still before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to decide.

Friedman was hired in early December by the commissioners, who expressed concerns about the ability of many residents already strained by inflation to afford the higher rate NIPSCO is seeking.

NIPSCO is pursuing a 22 percent increase in electric rates.

According to the utility, the increase is needed to pay the roughly $2 billion cost of transitioning to renewable energy and more than $760 million for upgrades in its electric transmission and distribution systems along with other improvements to be completed by the end of this year.

Friedman said he negotiated the settlement due to a belief NIPSCO will get a reduced but still double digit percentage rate hike and desire to get La Porte County something potentially substantial in return.

Commissioner Steve Holifield said he believes NIPSCO has a renewed interest now to continue generating at least some of its electricity with fossil fuels.

Holifield said federal dollars for renewable energy production under the previous administration may be at risk given current President Donald Trump's longstanding opposition against relying too heavily on power from wind and solar.

"It appears to me they (NIPSCO) don't have a second plan in place," he said.

Giggles provides free clothing and diapers, other items

BY STAN MADDUX

A new store in downtown La Porte is in the business of offering clothes for all ages and other things like coats and diapers at no cost.

One might ask: How do they make a profit?

Giggles at 614 Lincolnway also offers a variety of skin care products, five gallon containers of laundry detergent and other merchandise, like new prom dresses, at affordable prices.

People leaving with free items are also welcome to leave a donation.

Owner Abby Vogel said the idea is to meet a need in the community, which has been generous with donating plenty of mostly gently used clothing and other things, in a welcoming retail atmosphere to help people needing a little extra boost.

"No judgement. No questions. If you need it, you need it," she said.

Clothing for babies, toys and formula are among the other no cost items for young children at the back of the store.

Items for older children and adults are in the basement.

"We have shoes. We have hats. We have gloves. Anything you can possibly think of we probably have it," she said.

Some of the donated clothing and other items are brand new.

Her skin care products include soaps, lotions, sugar scrubs and bath bombs made by her and a business partner.

Prom dresses given to her by the owner of a bridal store going out of business are priced, right now, at $50.

"We probably have maybe a hundred dresses here," she said.

Vogel, who's the former manager of a gas station and casino, said she and her husband are parents to three foster children, four adopted children and their two biological children.

The no cost side of the business venture started by offering free items for foster families.

The response from donors left them with plenty of goods to make available for all people.

"At that point, we just opened it up to any child or anyone in need that needed things," she said.

So far, Vogel said things have gone pretty successfully and she's in it for the long term, if possible.

"We've made it through our first couple of months. So, as long as we're able to keep paying the rent and keep paying the things we need to pay like the electricity, we will stay and we will be here as long as we can to support the community," she said.

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Flag Day Prince and Princess Pageant on tap for next month

The Three Oaks Flag Day Parade Committee has announced the 2025 Flag Day Prince and Princess Pageant will be held Sunday, March 30, at The Acorn Center for the Performing Arts in Three Oaks.

There is an informational meeting for the Flag Day Prince and Princess at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24, at the American Legion Post 204. Contestants must be between 6-9 years of age. For questions, email Flag Day Chairman Heather Whitlow at whitlowheather@gmail.com or call 269-612-1960.

This annual contest brings local girls and boys, aged 6-9, together for a fun afternoon of dancing, interviewing, and the crowning of the coveted title Flag Day Prince and Princess.

"It is the cutest event of the year," said Whitlow. "The kids have a blast with each other, and it is so much fun to see the winners' smiling faces riding in the parade."

The Flag Day Princes and Princess are honored with a ride in the Flag Day Parade and appearances at community events, such as the Flag Day Hog Roast and the Three Oaks/River Valley Pageants.

"We are looking forward to having the 2025 Miss Three Oaks/River Valley and court emceeing the pageant this year," said Three Oaks Queens Committee Chairman Brittney Sherrill. "Our royalty enjoy lending a hand and helping all the kids have fun and gain public speaking and on stage skills."

The 73rd Three Oaks Flag Day Parade will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 8, with the route starting at Buckeye Street and moving south on Elm Street before turning west on Linden Street and ending at the American Legion. This patriotic parade is free to attend.

Other weekend events include a pancake breakfast at the Three Oaks Fire Department, Flag Day Market, Music in the Park at Dewey Cannon Park, live entertainment at American Legion Post 204 under the pavilion, fireworks and more.

For the past 73 years, the Three Oaks Flag Day Parade has been able to give back to the community with a parade honoring the American Flag, Veterans of all wars, current service men and women, our country and our freedom.

For more information visit www.threeoaksflagday.com. — STAFF REPORTS

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A Writer's Life...

DURING THE GOLDEN AGE OF TELEVISION ANIMATION

BY JACK OLESKER

Something's in the air...

8:00 a.m.. and Lori calls. I tell her I've finished the treatment for my Deadly Jewels script. She says, "Bring it to my office. I'll give it to Jean. He's going out of town with Andy." Curiosity piqued by her brief and clipped phone call, I arrive at the studio and feel a somehow different vibe the moment I walk in. It isn't something I can put my hands on; just something in the air.

I'm a keen observer of human nature. It's part of my stock-in-trade. It doesn't take me long to realize some people walking around the studio know what's going on and others don't. As I walk past Jeff Wernick's office, DIC's in-house attorney offers a comfortable, friendly smile. I smile back. Legal Affairs is in on it.

I see Andy sitting in Jean's glassed-in office. Jean glances at me and says something to Andy. Andy turns to look at me, his face expressionless. I remind myself not to ever get into a poker game with him. It's no surprise that the heads of the studio know what's happening...whatever "what's happening" is.

I walk into Lori's office and hand her my script. She is busier than usual, her words clipped, telling me she doesn't have time for chit-chat, that she has other things on her plate, revealing that – no surprise — she's also in on whatever's happening.

When I say I'm going to start working on the next The Littles treatment Lori says, "Hold off on that."

My heart drops. My immediate thought is "Why am I being taken off The Littles?"

Lori is waiting for a reaction, but I remember my brother's story about my dad keeping his mouth shut. Then she picks up a thick manilla envelope and hands it to me with, "This is the Series Bible for The Get Along Gang." She smiles a sly smile and adds, "It's a CBS series..."

I'd heard of the series -- a cutesy show DIC is producing about critters in the fictional town of Green Meadow. The series is shepherded by Judy Price, CBS' VP of Children's Programming, who I recently met with. I was right. She had wanted to check me out...before I got an assignment for a CBS series show!

"Jean and Andy want you to write an episode for the show." Lori adds, "Just one episode and then go back to The Littles."

I know Lori is expecting me to ask, "Why just one episode?" Instead, I say, "Okay. Thanks for the assignment."

She nods, her eyes still on me. I can't help but think that my stock is continuing to edge up. I start to leave and Lori advises, "Andy wants you to really study the Series Bible, and not just how it's written for The Get Along Gang. He wants you to learn how a series bible is written and why it's written a certain way."

I nod. As I start to walk away again, Lori says, "It's eating you up, isn't it?"

I turn back to her. She's looking down at something she'd been working on, but teasingly finishes with, "The Get Along Gang is owned by Those Characters from Cleveland, which is owned by American Greetings." I clutch the Series Bible a little tighter, thinking this news is supposed to mean something to me. But I don't know what it is. Lori looks up, grins and says, "Now scat."

And I do.

Jack Olesker's career in the entertainment industry spans over four decades. He has served as a story editor in L.A. as well as president of a motion picture and television company in Chennai, India. His writing ranges from Mighty Morphin Power Rangers, Care Bears and Hello Kitty's Furry Tale Theater to documentaries and horror novels and murder mysteries for adults.

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ARIES MARCH 21—APRIL 19

This is the week to refine your social sphere. Be choosier when it comes to who you let into your inner circle and avoid over sharing with people you don't know well. Rather than hash out details publicly, let things go privately. Converse with your inner dialogue; that's the one you need to deal with.

TAURUS APRIL 20—MAY 20

This week is all about making hard choices and doing the hard work. If you want to advance in society or in your career, walk the walk and talk the talk. Meaning control your emotions and do the right thing. Don't create more blockages by trying to be tough or look a certain way.

GEMINI MAY 21—JUNE 21

Genuine interactions with people will be difficult and require hard work on you part this week. Listening to the information and comprehending the ideas that other people carry are integral to successfully completing projects. Say what you need to but be prepared to hear some hard truths.

CANCER JUNE 22—JULY 22

People might push your buttons this week. But if you want things to work out with them, then you better come prepared. That means knowing details, bringing materials and sharing ideas in simple language. Also, it is imperative to know your value and not shy away from sharing it.

LEO JULY 23—AUGUST 22

There is a lot to take in this week with outside influences and social happenings. Don't get caught up in stereotypes or personal prejudices. Be more critical. If you want to help others, take time to learn about what they truly need and want. Get to know people before doing things for them.

VIRGO AUGUST 23—SEPTEMBER 22

It is important to release outside influences and rely on your own strengths and principles. There are some hard choices that need to be made when it comes to controlling partners and those you work closely with. This is the time to do those tough jobs on your own. Trust in your abilities.

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23—OCTOBER 22

If you want love and excitement in your life, then start creating a happier atmosphere by doing the things that make you happy. When you start doing the things you love, you become lighter and more radiant. Don't block your light by trying to be or do things you don't like or want.

SCORPIO OCTOBER 23—NOVEMBER 21

There may be some difficult changes or cuts that need to be made to your schedule this week. Try staying close to home and accomplishing the tasks you see as more difficult or time consuming there rather, then traveling or visiting with friends. Be more task oriented for the betterment of your home.

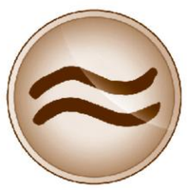
SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22—DECEMBER 21

Be aware that not all outside advice and directives fit into your situation. It is important to make judgments and choices concerning your home and family on your own this week. Prepare to tackle hard jobs and hard choices in house and with family. Focus on a higher path.

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22—JANUARY 19

Being kind and soft spoken will go a long way now. Dealing with partners can be challenging now and it is important to be very honest. Which on the surface seems easy but what you're feeling or doing may prove consequential to the relationship. Honesty is hard but crucial.

AQUARIUS JANUARY 20—FEBRUARY 18



This is not the time to rest on your laurels or be complacent. The energy coming your way this week requires hard work and hard choices in order to reap the big rewards. Rather than letting the stars do their thing, harness this energy and direct it to the areas of your life that need the work.

PISCES FEBRUARY 19—MARCH 20

Secrets carry consequences and can weigh down interactions that have the propensity to bring you success. See the value in opening up and giving your honest perspective. Freedom comes from truly knowing the self and staying true to that. Cut the holding back and be more forthright.

Where there is love, there is life. — *Mahatma Gandhi*

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15 Threadlike
17 Female rabbit
18 Charger
19 Bird's display area
20 Betel leaf concoction
22 Moon vehicle (abbr.)
24 Hairdo
27 Called
31 Gentleman (Ger.)
32 Used to express negation
34 Hindu princess
35 The Buddha's birth country
37 One of the Seven Hills of Rome
39 Television channel
41 Care for
42 Environmental Protection Agency (abbr.)
45 Woman's work basket
47 Condition (suf.)
50 Cob (2 words)
52 Down with (Fr., 2 words)
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54 Mother of Hezekia
55 Bleach
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58 Eastern church chalice veil

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6 Ruminant
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8 Indigo dye
9 Skin eruption
10 Fox (Scot.)
13 Mouse-spotter's cry
16 Arabian Sea gulf
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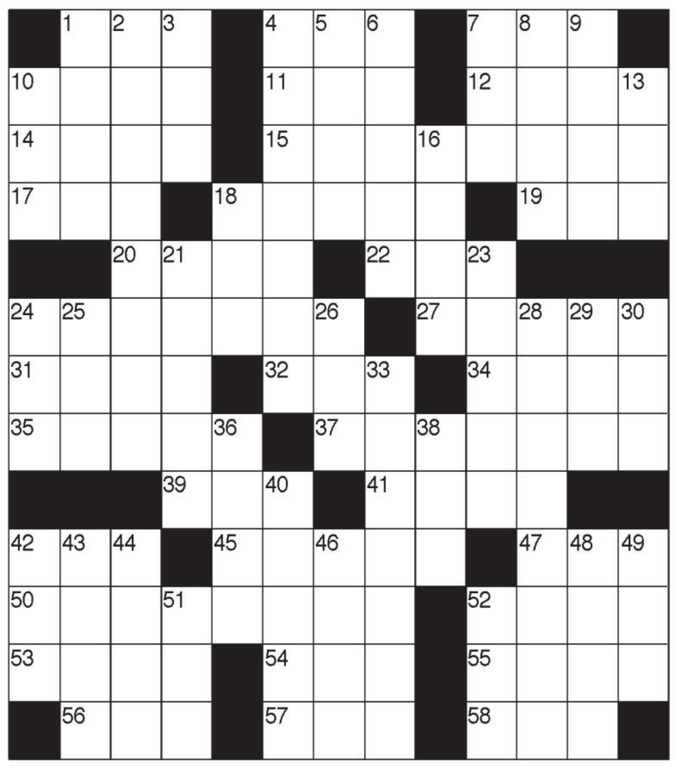

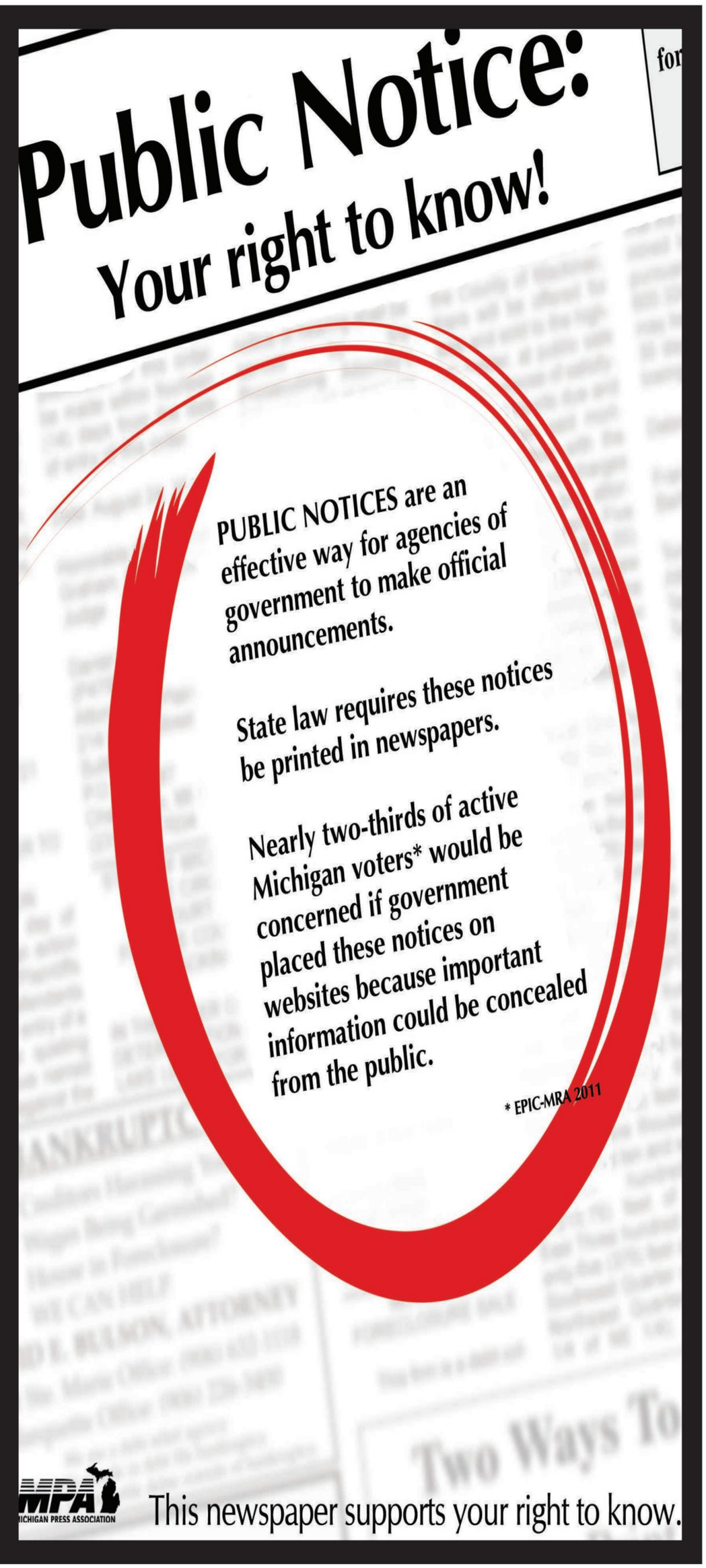
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Jeffery "Amtrack Jeff" Childs

1945-2025

Jeffery "Amtrack Jeff" Childs, 79, of Momence, Illinois passed away, Tuesday, February 04, 2025.

His life began September 19, 1945 in Michigan City, Indiana, the youngest of three children born to Theron and Ruth Childs.

Amtrack Jeff loved trains. He would visit his brother five times a year. Jeff would sit on his brother's property, 180 feet from a railroad, and watch every last passenger and cargo car go by late into the evening.

Jeffery will be greatly missed by family and friends, one brother, Theron Childs III of Pullman, four nieces, Nicole(Chad) Stewart of Bridgman, Michelle Tribbet of San Antonio, Texas, Sara (Jason) Coleman of Baroda, Carissa Gray-Sobol of Fennville; one nephew, Joseph Gray of Fennville and one cousin Roger Bitner.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister; Ann Gray of Fennville.

Family and friends will gather Tuesday, February 11, 2025 from 12:00 noon until the time of service at 1:00 p.m. in Wagner Family Funerals Pobocik Chapel, 106 Ash Street East, Three Oaks.

Jeff will be laid to rest in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Barbara E. (Faber) Parker

1947-2025

Barbara E. (Faber) Parker, age 77, of Lakeside, Michigan passed away on Sunday, February 9, 2025 surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on October 15, 1947 in Brooklyn, New York to Arthur and Lillian Faber who have both preceded her in death.

Barbara is survived by her adoring husband, Benjamin Parker; her loving daughter, Joanna (Jason) Rose; and the joys of her life, her grandchildren, Jackson Rose and Lila Rose; nephew, Stone Parker; and many lifelong friends.

She is also preceded in death by her sister, Madeleine (Faber) Moger; and brother-in-law, Jack Parker.

Barbara was a walking miracle and had many memorable qualities. She loved to garden and was fascinated with the challenge. Barbara had a talent for interior design and it was one of her most loved careers. She helped design and build the home of her and Ben's dreams, a tremendous source of pride she enjoyed sharing with others. Barbara was known for her grace, elegance, style and her wit. She touched the lives of countless people. She made everyone feel heard and at ease. Barbara had a great sense of humor and loved to make people laugh. She was a true child of the 60's, went to Woodstock; music was so very important to her. Above all else, she was defined by her family. She and Ben were married 55 years, sharing a life-long love and friendship. Her best friend was her daughter Joanna. They spoke daily, sharing all their stories and secrets. Barbara's greatest joy were her grandchildren, Jackson and Lila. She was filled with adoration and energy spending time with them. With Glamma, life is always a party.

The funeral service for Barbara will take place at Sinai Temple, located at 2800 Franklin St., Michigan City, Indiana on Sunday, February 16, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. with the family sitting Shiva, following the service, until 3:00 p.m. Arrangements have been entrusted to Geisen-Carlisle Funeral Home, 613 Washington St., Michigan City, Indiana.

Expressions of sympathy in Barbara's honor may be directed to The Lakeside Association, where she lived and loved what they do. www.thelakesideassociation.com/donate

To view or sign Barbara's online guestbook, please visit: carlislefh.com. 219-874-4214.

Venezuelan national suspected in theft ring heist

A suspected member of a shoplifting ring targeting Kohl's retail stores in Chicagoland and Michigan City was being held in the La Porte County Jail.

Andy J. Silva-Guedez, 30, of Chicago is charged in La Porte Superior Court 4 with theft and organized theft, both Level 6 felonies.

According to court documents, Guedez and four other individuals went into Kohl's at Dunes Plaza in Michigan City on July 4.

Three suitcases were taken off shelves and stuffed with men's, women's and children's athletic shoes.

Athletic shoes were also placed into backpacks worn by two of the individuals when they entered the store.

Police said the suspects while bolting out of the store with the stolen goods ran into two store employees, knocking one of them to the ground.

They fled in two separate vehicles.

Police said the stolen suitcases and 31 pair of shoes were valued at more than $3,000.

Eventually, investigators discovered other stores in the Kohl's chain were being hit with similar thefts in the Chicago area by what was believed to be the same ring.

A few weeks later, police said authorities in Morton Grove, Illinois, who were responding to a Kohl's caught Guedez inside the store after he started loading shoes into a suitcase.

Guedez came into the store with another individual, who managed to get away with an undisclosed number of fragrances that were placed into a duffel bag.

Court documents also revealed Guedez was born in Venezuela but no indication was given on whether he was in the country legally.

He could face an up to 30 month prison sentence on each count.

— STAN MADDUX

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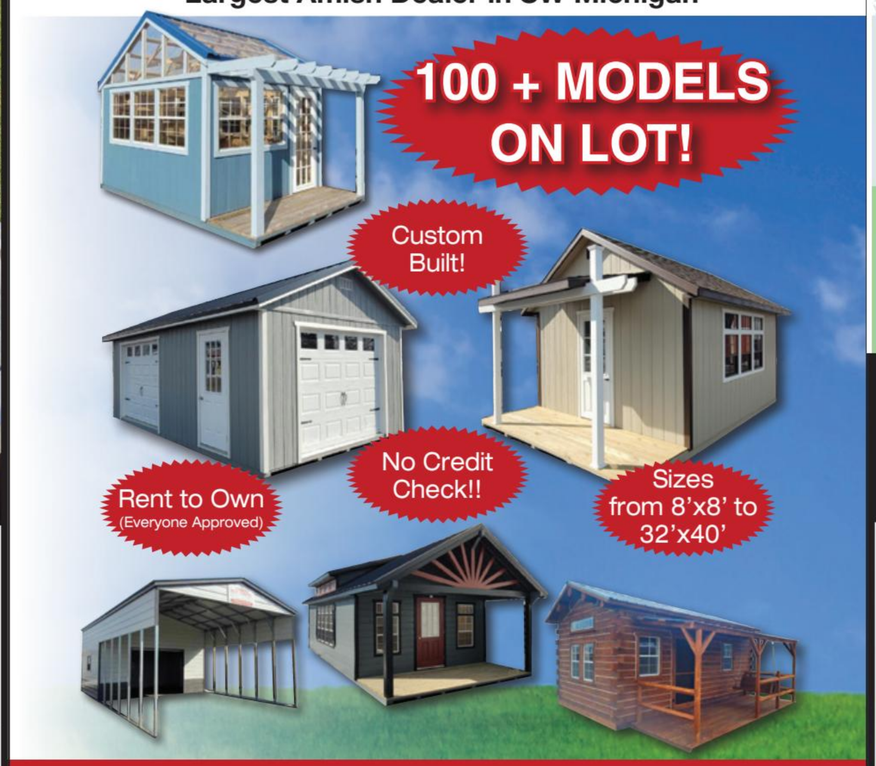

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Roosting crows have squawking officials looking for answers

BY STAN MADDUX

There seems to be no answer to the hundreds, if not thousands, of crows roosting every night at the downtown La Porte courthouse along with the huge mess they leave behind the next morning.

During the Feb. 5 meeting of the La Porte County Commissioners, Director of Facilities Sheryl Lestinsky said keeping droppings from piling up on sidewalks around the courthouse is more of a challenge in the winter.

She said power washing is not done unless there's a mild stretch of weather due to the risk of ice forming.

"It's hard to keep up with," she said.

Crows roosting in the trees on the courthouse lawn and bell tower of the historic courthouse has been a longstanding problem. The use of strobe lights and other things to drive them elsewhere has been tried in the past, with only limited success.

"We have used many different mechanisms on trying to work with these birds," said Commission President Connie Gramarossa.

Unfortunately, she said it seems like cleaning the sidewalks on a regular basis might be the only way to deal with the stubborn crows, unless they find some other favorite roosting place.

"I don't know where we're going to go from here," she said.

Commissioner Steve Holifield said the use of lasers elsewhere to discourage crows seems to have good reviews. However, he doesn't believe the use of lasers is possible here with the U.S. 35 overpass being so close to the courthouse, and potential for the lights to distract drivers.

"Maybe, it's just something that we're going to have to live with," he said.

La Porte Mayor Tom Dermody said street crew members from the city armed with scrub brushes will help county government maintenance staff keep sidewalks around the courthouse free of waste from the crows as much as possible.

"It's just not a good look and it's something everybody can see," he said.

In 2021, the use of noise makers that only crows can hear was credited with keeping the birds away from the courthouse for several consecutive months.

PET OF THE WEEK

PEDRO

Pedro will take a few moments to sniff you out, but once he does, he will show you who is boss when it comes to petting and love. He is about four years old, neutered, and his vaccinations are up-to-date. Pedro loves his snacks, and would prefer a nice, quiet home where he will probably try to become the king. After Pedro is playing and comforted, he likes to unwind by himself under the blankets. With his pinch-able furry cheeks, Pedro is sure to make anyone smile.

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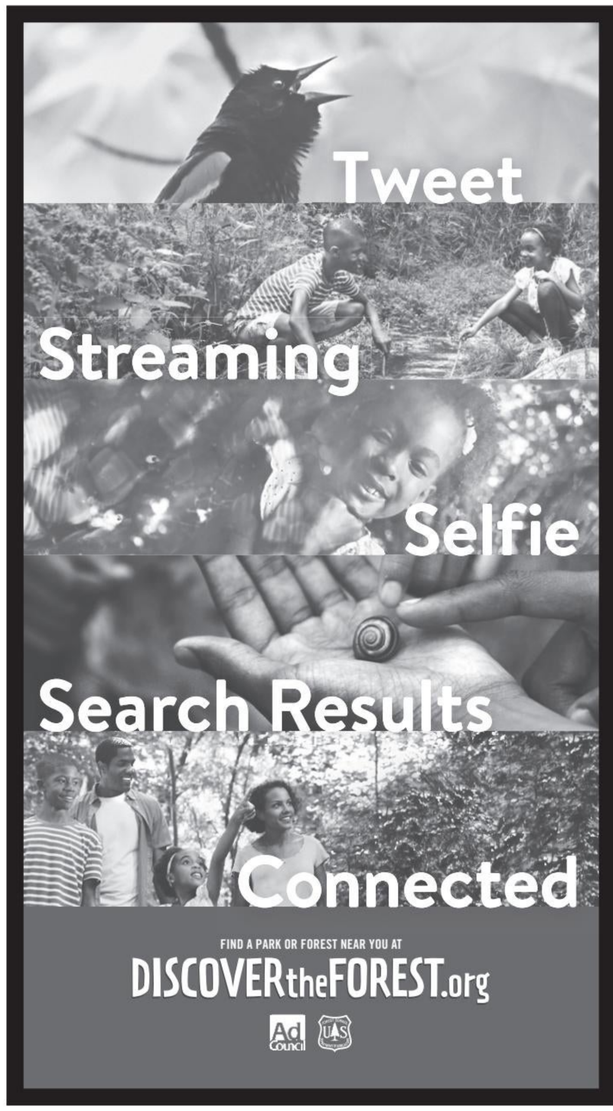

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Pottery students and student teachers with Ashley Jager (middle) *(picture provided by Facebook)*

A sampling of last year's bowls from the Empty Bowls dinner

Students work at the wheel during Monday's workshop

Novice potters help community through bowl-making

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

After 30 years, Nicollette Wands decided it was time to sit at the pottery wheel again.

"I did pottery in high school – and I always loved it," she said.

It was how she found herself sitting in the art classroom at New Buffalo High School as part of the annual Community Pottery Wheel Workshop Monday, Feb. 10.

"I saw this opportunity on social media, and I thought, 'What a great way to give back and have a little fun, while playing with some clay," she said.

Ashley Jager, the middle/high school art teacher, said she's been holding workshops since 2022.

"The first time I did it, I put a call out there and then we had such an outpouring, we had to move to a lottery," she said.

Names were taken for a month before they were put in a hat, with the 10 lucky ones being chosen to participate in this year's workshop.

Members of the high school's afterschool Pottery Club were on hand to guide the adult students.

Junior Aaron Joseph said this is his third year of being in Pottery Club.

"It's fun because I like making things with my hands and you can make it into anything that you want," he said.

"Because Empty Bowls is a community outreach, Pottery Club does a donation night where we're making all the bowls - we glaze them, fire them for the process of clay, so that leaves opportunities for all other projects we can do in our classes," she said, adding that the students have made vases, paperweights and bookends.

Mistakes are forgivable when making certain items, such as pinch pots.

"When something happens, you slip and score – and then patch it back together," Joseph said.

He said the number of bowls he's made through the years, which includes the ones he's made himself, is too numerous to count.

Bowls that were being made at that night's workshop will go toward next year's Empty Bowls Dinner Fundraiser.

Throughout the year, Jager said students have been making bowls for this year's dinner, which is from 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, in the middle/high school cafeteria.

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Recently, the club took a field to collaborate with the Bison After School Enrichment Clay Club at New Buffalo Elementary School. There, students gave back to their school community in a learning experience as teaching assistants to create hand-built projects together and give pottery wheel demonstrations to the elementary students.

Jager said the pottery workshop was a chance for community members to immerse themselves in a "teaching studio environment."

"Part of their district initiative for NBAS are community partnerships, so the art department is just giving the community a chance to experience a day in the art classroom and our students are volunteers and teachers," she said.

"This is unique in the fact that it's a free workshop - if they wanted to pursue further, they have to go to an art center and sign up for classes but here, they're just getting the experience...It's kind of a passion project for us just to give them a day in the classroom to see what students are doing and learn from each other," she added.

That day, Jager said that Cameron Covert, a 1964 New Buffalo High School alumnus and a part of the 1963 state basketball championship team, had dropped by to donate a bowl for Empty Bowls.

Covert, whose bowl features a special glazing technique that involves putting the glaze on top of the bowl and spraying it on, is a retired professor from University of West Georgia.

Jager said that "many hands" were involved in this year's fundraiser:" teachers Amy Quick and Beth Scoggin from the NBHS Student Senate, who sponsor the event; members of Nicole Bowen's Foods and Nutrition classes, who make the soup and, besides Pottery Club, middle school students and community members from last year's workshop created the bowls.

Proceeds from the dinner will go to the Blessings in a Backpack program, which benefits New Buffalo Elementary students in need. A suggested donation of $10 will provide guests with a ceramic bowl and a meal of soup or chili with crackers, a beverage, and a dessert.

Jager said that Empty Bowls was founded in 1990 by a Michigan art teacher and Michigan Art Education Association member, John Hartom, "with the idea to think globally about world hunger and act locally to support local food charities."

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